



UBC LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Call for applications – PhD Student Research and Mobility Fund

About: Call for applications for PhD student research and mobility (up to \$2500) to support PhD students who are members of the LAS PhD seminar to conduct research relevant to their dissertations or for another innovative research project. This funding seeks to be a form of financial support for those who need additional sources of support and to foster research excellence and creativity.

The Cluster is funded by the [Grants for Catalyzing Research Clusters Offices of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation and the Provost & Vice-President, Academic, UBC Vancouver](#). Projects need to be in line with the themes of the Latin American Landscapes Cluster (environment, colonialism, Indigenous Peoples, extractivism).

Eligibility:

- All PhD students who are currently members of LAS PhD seminar.
- Preference will be given to those who regularly attend meetings.
- No student receiving more than \$15,000 in other scholarships or grants (from any source) is eligible. This does not include scholarships intended to cover the cost of UBC tuition nor TAs or other remunerated work.

Deadline to apply: May 1, 2024 at 16:00 PST

Application Procedure: Submit the complete application as a single PDF to the PI of Latin American Landscapes, Dr. Benjamin Bryce (ben.bryce@ubc.ca).

Adjudication: The PI of the Cluster will form an adjudication committee to evaluate all proposals. Decisions will be reached by May 20, 2024. All funds must be spent by March 31, 2025.

Spending requirements:

- This grant can be used to pay for transportation and lodging. Students can book flights through a UBC travel agent and in consultation with Dr. Bryce, or they can submit a claim after the travel takes place (receipts needed for all claims).
- Students can receive up to \$1000 of the total award (\$2500 total) in the form of per diem payments (no greater than [UBC per diem rates](#)). Students can include this per diem amount in their proposed budget.

Terms of reference:

A complete application shall consist of:

- 1) a statement (300-500 words) about the project, research plans, and the need for fieldwork, including discussions of a student's stage in the PhD program. Students at all stages of the PhD are welcome to apply.
- 2) a draft budget.
- 3) a copy of the student's CV, including a list of all current and recent scholarships, awards, and grants.

No RPIF or signatures are required to apply.

The total funding available for all applications is \$10,000.

Students must submit itemized receipts and boarding passes in order to make claims. Claims can only take place once travel is completed, and for this reason students are welcome to book flights through a UBC travel agent (and in consultation with Dr. Bryce).

All funds must be spent by March 31, 2025.

Applicants are required to submit a brief report about how they spent the money and the outcomes that this funding supported. This report shall be submitted to the project PI (Dr. Benjamin Bryce, ben.bryce@ubc.ca) by March 31, 2025.

All applicants must have an active affiliation at UBC for the duration of the time they are claiming expenses.